



**MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 57**

September 22, 2021

✠ **RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2** ✠

LSB 285

*Stand*

**OPENING VERSICLES**

**L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

*Psalm 51:15*

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Psalm 70:1*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

**MEDITATION PSALM**

*Psalm 57; antiphon: v. 5*

*The pastor and congregation speak responsively. The antiphon is spoken by the pastor before and after the psalm.*

*(Antiphon)* Be exalted, O God, above the | heavens!\*

Let Your glory be over | all the earth!

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes | refuge;\*  
in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction | pass by.

<sup>2</sup> **I cry out to | God Most High,\*  
to God who fulfills His pur- | pose for me.**

<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me;  
He will put to shame him who tramples | on me.\*  
God will send out His steadfast love and His | faithfulness!

*Selah*

<sup>4</sup> **My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid | fiery beasts—\*  
the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are | sharp swords.**

<sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the | heavens!\*  
Let Your glory be over | all the earth!

<sup>6</sup> **They set a net for my steps; my soul was | bowed down.\*  
They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it | themselves.**

*Selah*

<sup>7</sup> My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is | steadfast!\*  
I will sing and make | melody!

<sup>8</sup> **Awake, my glory! Awake, O | harp and lyre!\*  
I will a- | wake the dawn!**

<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the | peoples;\*  
I will sing praises to You among the | nations.

<sup>10</sup> **For Your steadfast love is great to the | heavens,\*  
Your faithfulness | to the clouds.**

<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the | heavens!\*  
Let Your glory be over | all the earth!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*The antiphon is repeated.*

## READINGS

*Isaiah 12*

### OLD TESTAMENT

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to You, O LORD, for though You were angry with me,  
Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup> “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE

*Acts 6:8—7:2a, 44–60*

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.

<sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>10</sup>But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. <sup>11</sup>Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.”

<sup>12</sup>And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, <sup>13</sup>and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, <sup>14</sup>for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” <sup>15</sup>And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

<sup>1</sup>And the high priest said, “Are these things so?” <sup>2</sup>And Stephen said: . . . <sup>44</sup>“Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. <sup>45</sup>Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, <sup>46</sup>who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. <sup>47</sup>But it was Solomon who built a house for Him. <sup>48</sup>Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

<sup>49</sup> ““Heaven is My throne,  
and the earth is My footstool.

What kind of house will you build for Me, says the LORD,  
or what is the place of My rest?

<sup>50</sup> Did not My hand make all these things?’

<sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.

<sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

<sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 13:31-35*

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You.”

<sup>32</sup>And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish My course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on My way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’”

<sup>34</sup>“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**OFFICE HYMN: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night**

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1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the  
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that  
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as  
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,  
I this day have done, That with the world, my -  
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that  
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.  
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.  
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,      △6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;      To Thine eternal throne,  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,      Where with the Father evermore  
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.      And Spirit Thou art one.

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**MEDITATION ON THE PSALM**

*Kneel or Stand*

**KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*

- P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.  
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.

**VERSICLES**

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** let my cry come to You.  
**P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** for You answer me.  
**P** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.  
**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**P** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

*Psalms 102:1*

*Psalms 86:7*

*Psalms 51:9–12*

**P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** **my lips will praise You.**

**P** For You have been my help,  
**C** **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**

*Psalm 63:3, 7*

**P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** **unite my heart to fear Your name.**

**P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** **and I will glorify Your name forever.**

*Psalm 86:11–12*

**P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**

*Psalm 70:4*

**P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

*Psalm 28:9*

**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

*Psalm 86:6*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

**C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*Stand*

### BENEDICAMUS and BLESSING

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C** **Amen.**

**✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠**  
**(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)**